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FOR WORTZEL FROM SCHMIDT - REPLY FOR EUR/EE ONLY, 3 COPIES

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE RAISED AGAIN WITH AF THE QUESTION OF DISCUSSING
THE OGADEN WAR WITH THE YUGOSLAVS, BUT WERE TOLD TO
WAIT A BIT LONGER WHILE WE SORT OUT OUR OWN POSITION.
MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK AND WE MAY BE ABLE
TO GO AHEAD AFTER THAT.

2. THE INTERAGENCY GROUP ON ARMS TRANSFERS MET TODAY
(NOVEMBER 10) AND YOU WILL GET A REPORT SOON. ONE
CONCERN WHICH MAY NOT GET INTO THAT CABLE, IS THAT WE
HAVE TRIED TO BE FORTHCOMING, ESPECIALLY WITH CEMALOVIC,
BUT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE YET TO TAKE UP ANY OF THE OFFERED
ITEMS. THE FMS TEAM PLANS TO COME AROUND DECEMBER 5
TO TRY TO NAIL DOWN THE PROCEDURAL POINTS.

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3. MARIA MIHAJJOV IVUSIC CALLED RECENTLY TO SAY THAT
SHE HAD HEARD THERE WAS A RIOT BETWEEN "POLITICAL
OFFENDERS" AND GUARDS AT POZAREVA PRISON. FOUR
PRISONERS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED AND FIVE SERIOUSLY
INJURED, BUT NO GUARDS WERE HURT. THE STORY WAS REPORTED
IN THE CHICAGO EMIGRE NEWSPAPER "LIBERTY" FROM A

REPORTER IN WEST GERMANY. HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?

4. FOR ART WORTZEL: WILLIAM M. KERRIGAN, RETIRED FSO NOW SERVING AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ON AGEING, PLANS TO VISIT BELGRADE IN EARLY-MID DECEMBER. HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU AND HAS SENT A LETTER REGARDING HIS PLANS. HE ALSO HOPES TO MEET WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATION DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF AGEING.

5. FOR DAVID EVANS: THROUGH OVERSIGHT AND POOR FOLLOW-UP, YOUR ITEMS AND MRS. PALMER'S BOOK PROOFS HAD NOT BEEN FORWARDED. THEY WERE POUCHED NOVEMBER 7. SORRY FOR THE DELAY.

6. TAX TREATY WITH YUGOSLAVIA. FEINBERG (TREASURY) HAS RETURNED AND REPORTS THAT NOTHING HAS MOVED ON THIS FRONT SINCE FEBRUARY VISIT TO BELGRADE, WHEN YUGOSLAVS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE COMMENTS ON OUR BASIC DRAFT OF 1975 AND MAKE PLANS FOR NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. TREASURY HAS HEARD NOTHING SINCE THEN, AND FEELS THAT BALL IS IN YUGOSLAV COURT. EMBASSY MIGHT MENTION THIS, LOW KEY, NEXT TIME SOMEONE CALLS AT FINANCE. TREASURY DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, WISH TO PUSH ON THIS.
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7. WE HAD A LONG BACK-UP ON MESSAGES LATE LAST WEEK AND RECEIVED SOME CABLES SEVERAL DAYS LATE. ONE OF THEM WAS YOURS ON CODEL SOLARZ WHICH GAVE US PERNICK'S NAME AS CONTROL OFFICER AND SOME OTHER DATA WHICH OUR LATER CABLE REQUESTED. THESE THINGS HAPPEN OCCASIONALLY AND IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW WHAT'S MISSING.

8. AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI GAVE A DINNER ON NOVEMBER 4 FOR MR. VEST AND OTHERS WHO DEAL REGULARLY WITH YUGOSLAVIA. WE ASKED BELOVSKI TO CONVEY THROUGH HIS CHANNEL OUR NEED FOR DATES FOR GLIGOROV AND FOR TITO. ONE OF THE YUGOSLAVS (NOT BELOVSKI) HINTED THAT GLIGOROV'S DATES MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY TITO'S BUT HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC.

9. SEPTEL O-I DEALS WITH MEETING ON ZAGREB FALL FAIR.
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